

Charles County Ethics Commission

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February 24, 2020

Melody Weschler, Clerk

Dear Official/Employee/Member:

Chapter 170 of the Charles County Code of Ethics requires certain officials, employees and members of certain boards and commissions to annually file a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Form 1 is designed for County Elected Officials, Candidates for County Office, County Administrator, County Attorney, County Department Heads and members of the following boards, which receive stipends: Board of Appeals, Board of Electrical Examiners, Board of License Commissioners and Planning Commission. Form 2 is designed for qualifying employees as listed in Section 170-6 of the Code and members who volunteer on the remaining boards listed in Section 170-7 of the Code. Regardless of the form completed, members of boards and commissions listed in Section 170-7 of the County Code are required to disclose the information specified in § 170-6(3) only with respect to those interests, gifts, compensated positions and liabilities that may create a conflict, as provided in §170-5 of the Code, between the member's personal interests and the member's official duties.

Attached is the appropriate form. Please read carefully and follow the instructions, answer the questions, type or print legibly, and only fill out the necessary schedules that apply to you. Return the original signed form, along with any attachments, to Charles County Ethics Commission, c/o Melody Weschler, Clerk to the Ethics Commission, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646, NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2020. Failure to return the signed, completed form by this date will result in such failure being reported to the County Ethics Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. Sanctions may include any or all actions authorized by § 170-10 of the Code including, but not necessarily limited to, removal from employment and/or appointed position.

The Financial Disclosure Statement describes all interests, transactions and matters required to be disclosed by the Ethics Law throughout the annual reporting period. Financial Disclosure is required so that any conflicts of interest that might impact on the conduct of County business are identified and addressed before problems arise. Disclosure statements are made available to the public.

If at any time you may have a question about a conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or acceptance of a gift, you may request an advisory opinion from the Charles County Ethics Commission. Submit your written request to the Charles County Ethics Commission, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646 or via email to ethicscommission@charlescounty.org.

If you have any questions regarding the financial form please do not hesitate to contact Melody Weschler, Clerk to the Ethics Commission at 301-645-0555 or email at weschlem@charlescountymd.gov.

Sincerely, Charles Count Ethics Commission

200 Baltimore Street
LA PLATA, MARYLAND 20646
(301) 645-0555 OR Metro 870-2260
TDD 1-800-735-2258 or 7-1-1; FAX: (301) 645-0515

CHARLES COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

c/o Office of the County Attorney 200 Baltimore Street La Plata, Maryland 20646 301-645-0555

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – Form 1

County Elected Officials, Candidate for County Office, County Administrator, County Attorney, County Department Heads, Board of Appeals, Board of Electrical Examiners, and Board of License Commissioners, Planning Commission and Housing Authority Board

INSTRUCTIONS

This statement of 13 pages includes all interests and related matters required to be disclosed pursuant to Chapter 170 of the Charles County Code, the Ethics Law, for the calendar year 2019 pertaining to the person filing the statement. The statement consists of this cover sheet together with Schedules A - J. The Statement must be completely filled out before it will be accepted. Failure to file, or to file a fully completed statement, constitutes a violation of the Charles County Code of Ethics (Ch. 170 of the Charles County Code).

- If a section does not apply to you please indicate by marking N/A.
- Please type or print legibly, or the form will not be accepted

WHEN COMPLETE PLEASE RETURN THE ORIGINAL SIGNED FORM TO: MELODY WESCHLER, CLERK, CHARLES COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION 200 BALTIMORE AVENUE, LA PLATA, MARYLAND 20646

DEFINITIONS

- "Attributable interest" means having direct or indirect control over a property or business interest held or owned by a family member or legal entity.
- "Business entity" means a corporation, general or limited partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture unincorporated association or firm, institution, trust, Foundation, or other organization, whether or not operated for profit. Business entity does not include a governmental entity.
- "Commission" means the Charles County Ethics Commission established under §170.04(a) of this County Code.

"Compensation" means any money or thing of value, regardless of form, received or to be received by any individual covered by this chapter from an employer for service rendered. For the purposes of §170.08 of the County Code, if lobbying is only a portion of a person's employment, "compensation" means a prorated amount based on the time devoted to lobbying compared to the time devoted to other employment duties.

"County" means Charles County, Maryland.

"Doing Business With" means:

- (1) having or negotiating a contract that involves the commitment, either in a single or combination of transactions, of \$5,000 or more of county government controlled funds; (2) being regulated by or otherwise subject to the authority of the county; or
- (3) being registered as a lobbyist under §170.08 of the County Code.
- "Elected Official" means any individual who holds an elective office of Charles County. "Elected official" does not include the sheriff, state's attorney, register of wills, or clerk of the court.
- "Employee" means an individual who is employed by the county. "Employee" does not include an elected local official.

"Employee" does not include an employee of:

- (a) the offices of the sheriff, state's attorney, register of wills, or clerk of the court;
- (b) the county health department; or
- (c) the county department of social services.

"Financial Interest" means:

- (1) ownership of any interest as the result of which the owner has received, within the past 3 years, or is presently receiving, or in the future is entitled to receive, more than \$1,000 per year; or
- (2) ownership, or the ownership of securities of any kind representing or convertible into ownership, of more than 3 percent of a business entity by a county official or employee, or the spouse of an official or employee.
- "Gift" means the transfer of anything of economic value, regardless of the form, without adequate and lawful consideration. "Gift" does not include a political campaign contribution regulated under election law article, annotated code of Maryland, or any other provision of state or local law regulating the conduct of elections or the receipt of political campaign contributions.
- "Immediate Family" means a spouse and dependent children.
- "Interest" means a legal or equitable economic interest, whether or not subject to an encumbrance or a condition, that is owned or held, in whole or in part, jointly or severally, directly or indirectly. For purposes

of §170.06 of the County Code, "interest" includes any interest held at any time during the reporting period.

"Interest" does not include:

- (a) an interest held in the capacity of a personal agent, custodian, fiduciary, personal representative, or trustee, unless the holder has an equitable interest in the subject matter;
- (b) an interest in a time or demand deposit in a financial institution;
- (c) an interest in an insurance policy, endowment policy, or annuity contract under which an insurer promises to pay a fixed amount of money either in a lump sum or periodically for life or a specified period;
- (d) a common trust fund or a trust which forms part of a pension or profit sharing plan which has more than 25 participants and which has been determined by the internal revenue service to be a qualified trust under the internal revenue code; or
- (e) a college savings plan under the internal revenue code.
- "Official" means an elected official, an employee of the county government, or a person appointed to or employed by the county or any county agency, board, commission, or similar entity: (1) whether or not paid in whole or in part with county government funds; and
- (2) whether or not compensated.

[&]quot;Person" includes an individual or business entity.

[&]quot;Qualified Relative" means a spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister.

CHARLES COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - Form 1

Regular Reporting Period: January 1 through December 31, 2019 (or, if filing as a candidate in a year prior to the election year, the period ending as of signature date)

(Note: Please print/type legibly, or the form will not be accepted)

PART I. Identifying Information

| First Name | Initial | Last Name |
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| | | |
| Mailing Address (work or home) (Home | address will not be disclosed to the public.) | |
| Telephone Number (home or work) | Alte | rnate Number (work or cell) |
| Current Position, Office or Board/Comm | ission Held With Charles County: | |

Privacy Notice

The Charles County Ethics Law (Ch. 170 of the Charles County Code) requires collection of this information, which will be used primarily for public disclosure and to determine compliance with the Charles County Code. The information may be presented for review or for copying, at public expenses, upon request to any person, including officials of State, local, or Federal government, who, upon presenting proof identification, registers their name and address, along with the name of the person whose statement is being reviewed. The subject has the right to review, correct, and amend the record, and the right to know who has reviewed their disclosure statement.

Standards of Conduct

The Charles County Public Ethics Law (Ch. 170 of the Charles County Code) includes standards of conduct applicable to all financial disclosure filers including employees and elected appointed officials. The standards address disqualification from participation, prohibited secondary employment, prohibited ownership interest, misuse of position, prohibited solicitations and acceptance of gifts, misuse of confidential information, post-employment limitations, prohibited dealing with the County, procurement specifications assistance restriction, and other matters. The law provides for exceptions and exemptions under certain circumstances. If you have any questions about the application of the law, please contact the County Ethics Commission.

Enforcement Provisions

Failure to file or report information required by Ch. 170.10 off the Charles County Code by due date could subject filer to administrative penalties of up to \$250 and other disciplinary action per Ch. 170.10 including a civil fine of up to \$5,000 per day by the Circuit Court of Charles County, or any other court having proper venue for the purpose of enforcing compliance. Willful and false filing is subject to penalty for perjury.

PART II. SIGNATURE AND AFFIRMATION

| This Financial Disclosure Statement describes all ir by the Charles County Ethics Law, with respect to | nterests and related transactions and matters required to be disclo the period indicated, and pertaining to me. | sed |
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| | J of this Financial Disclosure Statement and the instructions, tents of this Financial Disclosure Statement are true, complete, | |
| Signature of Person Filing | Date: | |

| YOUR NAME: | | REPORTING YEAR: 2019 |
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| DURING THE REPO | ORTING PERIOD: | |
| PLEASE PRINT/TY | PE LEGIBLY. | |
| A. I held or cont outside of Maryland | rolled, directly or indirectly, and or held a 30% or greater into | an interest in real property located in or erest in an entity that held real property. |
| No | | |
| Yes | | |
| If "Yes", com | plete Schedule A. | |
| | SCHEDUL | E A |
| below. Include prop Complete a separate of your mortgage or of | perty owned by business entity i Schedule A for each property you | in real property by answering each question n which you held a 30% or greater interest. I own or paid rent for. Please note if the holder at did business with the County, you must also |
| Rent | Own | |
| Physical Address: | | |
| County and State:(Home address will a | not be disclosed to the public.) | |
| If Owned: complete t | he following: | |
| | | table to you or held by an entity in which you |
| | he interest solely or jointly? the name(s) of the other owner(s): | |

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| 3. | Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances on the property? Yes No (Ex.: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.) If Yes: What is/are the name(s) of the lender(s) creditor(s), lien holder(s), etc? |
| 4. | What date was the property acquired? |
| 5. | How was the property acquired? (Ex. Purchase, gift, inheritance, etc.) |
| 6. | From whom was the property acquired? (Name of individual/entity from whom you purchased or inherited the property or who gifted the property to you.) |
| 7. | What consideration was given when the property was acquired? (Dollar amount paid, or if you received the property as a gift or inheritance, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property) |
| 8. | Have you transferred any interest in this property during the reporting period? Yes No If Yes: 8a. What percentage did you transfer?% 8b. What consideration did you receive for the interest? 8c. To whom did you transfer the interest? |

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| | neld or controlled, directly or indirectly, an interest in corporations, partnerships, LLCs, and entities (regardless of whether they did business with the County). |
| | No |
| | Yes |
| | If "Yes", complete Schedule B. |
| | SCHEDULE B |
| partne reporti | its in Corporations, Partnerships, LLC. Please report all interests in any corporation, rships, limited liability partnerships (LLP) or limited liability company (LLC) during the ing period, whether or not the entity did business with the County, including a 30% or greater t in an entity that owned an interest. Complete a separate Schedule B for each corporation. |
| 1. | What is the complete name of the entity? |
| 2. | If corporate stock, does the stock trade on a stock exchange? Yes No |
| 3. | Is the interest held directly by you; attributable to you or held by an entity in which you own or control 30% or greater (Name entity): |
| 4. | Is the interest in your name alone, or is it held jointly? \square Alone \square Jointly, if jointly, the percentage of your interest:% |
| 5. | What is the nature of your interest and the dollar value or number of shares? (Stocks, notes, bonds, puts, calls, straddles, purchase options, etc.) If in a non-publicly traded entity or LLP or LLC, report the percentage of ownership. Type: Value of Shares: or Number of shares Percentage of ownership (non-publicly traded):% |
| 6. | Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances on the property? Yes No (Ex.: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.) If Yes: Name the entity holding the encumbrance : |
| 7. | Did you acquire an interest in the entity during the reporting period? Yes No |

| | If Yes: |
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| | 7a. In what month was the interest acquired? |
| | 7b. How was the interest acquired? (Ex. Purchase, gift, will, etc.)7c |
| | From whom did you acquire the interest in the entity? (If you purchased from a brokerage, the |
| | name of the brokerage): |
| | What consideration was given when the interest was acquired? (Dollar amount paid, or if you received the property as a gift or inheritance, the fair market value at the time you acquired you interest in the property) |
| 8. | Have you transferred any interest in this property during the reporting period? Yes No |
| | If Yes: |
| | 8a. What portion of the interest was transferred? |
| | 8b. What consideration did you received for the interest in the entity? |
| | 8c. To whom did you transfer the interest? |
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| C. I held or controlled, directly or indirectly, a was regulated by, or doing business or negotiate | an interest in a business entity that, to my knowledge, ting a contract with the County. |
| No | |
| Yes | |
| If "Yes", complete Schedule C. | |
| SCH | IEDULE C |
| interest in any non-corporate business (e.g., so | Doing Business with the County. Please report all ble proprietorship) regulated by, or doing business or A separate Schedule C will be required for each ach a summary worksheet. |
| Name and Address of the Principal office of the Name: | |
| Address: | |
| 2. Is the interested held: ☐ directly by you; ☐ a | attributable to you |
| | held with another? Solely Jointly, if jointly, the your interest in the entity:\$ |
| 4. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrance mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.) If Yes: Name of creditor: | es that apply to your interest in the entity (Ex.: (Also report on Schedule H) |
| 5. Was any interest acquired during the reporting If yes: 5a. In what month was the interest acquire 5b. How was the interest acquired? (Ex. F 5c. From whom did you acquire the interest 5d. What consideration was given when the | g period? Yes No ed? Purchase, gift, will, etc.) |

| 6. | Have you transferred any interest during the reporting period? |
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| | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| | If yes: |
| | 6a. What percentage did you transfer% |
| | 6b. What consideration was given when the interest was acquired? (Dollar amount paid, or if you |
| | received the property as a gift or inheritance, the fair market value at the time you acquired your |
| | interest in the property) |
| | 6c. To whom did you transfer the interest |

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| | ated by, or doing business o | rectly or indirectly, a person or entity that, to my or negotiating a contract with the County or required | |
| No | | | |
| Yes | | | |
| If "Yes", com | plete Schedule D. | | |
| | SCHI | EDULE D | |
| Gifts. Answer each quattach a summary work | • | chedule D will be required for each gift, or you may | |
| or a series of gifts from directly or indirectly, a that was regulated or co | the same donor with a cum person or entity who: 1) did | behalf, receive any gift(s), in excess of a value of \$20 nulative value of \$100 or more, from or on behalf of, d business with the County; 2) engaged in an activity 3) is registered or required to register before the County Code? | |
| If Yes: | | | |
| 1. Who gave you | the gift? | | |
| | © \ | aurant meal, event tickets, membership or subscription, | |
| 3. What was the | value of the gift? | | |
| 4. If the | gift was given to someone e | else on your behalf, list the identity of the gift recipient. | |
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| | or a member of my immediate family was a partner or held an office, directorship, or salaried yment during reporting period in or with a business entity doing business with the County. No |
| | Yes |
| | If "Yes", complete Schedule E. SCHEDULE E |
| County | lyment, Officers, Directorships, or Similar positions in Entities doing business with Charle y. Answer each question below. A separate Schedule E will be required for each disclosure may attach a summary worksheet. |
| employ | ou or any member of your immediate family (spouse or dependent child) have any salaried yment, or hold any office or directorship with, or was a partner or trustee in, or negotiate act or have prospective employment with, and entity that did business with Charles County? |
| | □ No □ Yes |
| If Yes: | : |
| 1. | What is the name and address of the business entity? |
| | Name: |
| | Address: |
| 2. | Who was the individual who held the position or interest listed above? Self Spous Dependent child |
| | Name of spouse or dependent child: |
| 3. | What is the title of the office you, your spouse or dependent child held? (Ex. Limited partner director, treasurer, chair of the board of trustees, etc.) |
| 4. | What year did the position begin? |
| 5. | With what County Agency(ies) did the business entity do business? |
| 6. | What was the nature of the business? (Ex. Regulated by your agency, registered under the lobbyin law, or involved with sales and contracts with the county). |

| YOUR NA | AME: | REPORTING YEAR: 2019 |
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| F. A mer | nber of my immo | diate family was employed by the County during reporting period. |
| | No | |
| | Yes | |
| If | "Yes", complete | Schedule F. |
| | | SCHEDULE F |
| Family M separate S the Count | Schedule F will b | ed by Charles County Government. Answer each question below. A required for each member of the immediate family who is employed by |
| | | od, were any members of your immediate family (spouse or dependent rles County in any capacity? |
| | □ No | □Yes |
| If Yes: | | |
| 1. | What is the rela | ion and name of the immediate family member employed by Charles County? |
| 2. | What is the title | of your immediate family member's positions in the county agency? |
| 2. | What is the title | of your immediate family member's positions in the county agency? |

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| r my spouse receive | ed earned income, either as an employee or sole or part owner of a business |
| No | |
| Yes | |
| If "Yes", complete | Schedule G. |
| | SCHEDULE G |
| on below. A sepa who is employed oust report all of sinesses doing bus | inployment and Business Ownership of Filer and Spouse Answer each trate Schedule G will be required for each member of the immediate or owned a business entity, or you may attach a summary worksheet. your and your spouse's employers or business, except for employers siness with or subject to the county's oversight already reported on arles County Govt., reported on Scheduled F. |
| the reporting perio | od, did you or your spouse receive any earned income from any entity (other Schedule E or Charles County Government reported on Schedule F)? |
| ☐ No | Yes |
| : | |
| If, during the report which you or they | ting period, you or a member of your immediate family had employment from earned income, list the relation, name, and address of the employment. |
| Name: | Relationship: |
| Name of Employer | |
| Address: | |
| owned any busines | orting period, you or a member of your immediate family wholly or partially as entity from which income was earned, list the relation, name and address of |
| Name: | Relationship: |
| Name of Employer | |
| Address: | |
| | Mo No Yes If "Yes", complete d Income from En on below. A sepa who is employed nust report all of y sinesses doing bus ule E, or with Cha the reporting perion itities reported on Se the reporting the report which you or they of Name: Name of Employer Address: If, during the report which you or they of Name: Name of Employer Address: If, during the report which you or they of Name: Name of Employer Name: Name of Employer |

| YOUR NAME | E: | REPORTING YEAR: 2019 |
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| this reporting | • | , owed debts (excluding retail credit accounts) during less with the County (including debts |
| List of financ | cial institutions that do busines | s with the County: |
| If yes, | Banc of America Bank of America BB&T BB&T Capital Markets Candor-Fitzgerald Capital One Bank Community Bank of the Che Huntington National Bank Jeffries & Company, Inc. M&T Bank M&T Bank/Wilmington Tru PayPal PNC PNC Bank (excluding MLGI PNC Bank (MLGIP only) Prudential TD Equipment US Bank Vining Sparks Wells Fargo WesBanco Bank, Inc. (former | ist (IP) |
| | | SCHEDULE H |
| | | with the County. Answer each question below. A reach debt disclosed, or you may attach a summary |
| a debt (includ with the Coun county as the | ling mortgages but excludes ret nty? [Note: If on Schedule A, B | edge, did you or a member of your immediate family owe tail credit accounts) to a financial entity that did business or C you listed financial entity that did business with the ther encumbrance, you must complete Schedule H with |
| □ No | □Yes | |

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| If Yes: | | | |
| 1. | To whom did you owe the debt? (Include all mortgages. Do not include consumer credit debts.) | | |
| 2. | When was the debt incurred? | | |
| 3. | What are the interest rate and terms of payment of the debt? Interest Rate: Terms: | | |
| 4. | Did the principal of the debt increase or decrease during the reporting period? | | |
| 5. | What was the amount of the debt as of the end of the reporting period? \$ | | |
| 6. | Was any security or collateral given for the debt? No Yes If Yes: Please state what type of asset or security was given (home, car, boat, etc.): | | |
| 7. | If this is a transaction in which you were involved but resulted in a debt being owed by your spouse or dependent child, identify your spouse or child and describe the transaction. | | |

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| I. I or my spouse is a regulated lo | bbyist. | | | |
| No | | | | |
| Yes | | | | |
| If "Yes", complete Schedule I. | | | | |
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| SCHEDULE I | | | | |
| During the reporting period, were you or your spouse engaged as a regulated lobbyist? | | | | |
| Self: | | | | |
| □ No □ Y | es | | | |
| If yes: | | | | |
| Entity in which you are engaged as a lobbyist: | | | | |
| Spouse: | | | | |
| □ No □ Y | es | | | |
| If yes: | | | | |
| Entity in which you are engaged as a lobbyist: | | | | |

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| J. I have included additional information not otherwise | e disclosed that may create a conflict of |
| interest or the appearance thereof. | · |
| No | |
| Yes | |
| If "Yes", complete Schedule J. | |
| COMPANIE I | |
| SCHEDULE J | |
| Additional Information. Please use this schedule to repotherwise disclosed, that you wish to disclose. | port any additional information, not |
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